Bobcat Connect Quick Guide

http://bobcatconnect.qu.edu
GETTING STARTED

1. Click Join Our Community and choose a sign-in method (email, QU Username or social media).
2. Answer registration questions to customize your profile and get recommended alumni matches.
3. Visit user preferences to sign up for text notifications.
4. Explore the platform, make connections with alumni and participate in discussion threads.
5. Check your email/text messages for replies from alumni!

Watch a demo on the sign-up process. (4 min)

Read on for tips on finding alumni, sending messages and completing informational interviews!
EXPLORE THE COMMUNITY

Discover Alumni: Navigate to the “Explore the Community” tab inside the platform. Scroll through alumni profile cards or use filters to narrow down your search.

Use Filters: Filter by academic major, industry expertise, location, help topics and more! You can also search by keyword, bookmark alumni to connect with later and view those you’ve chatted with before.

Read Profiles: Click alumni profile cards and scroll through to discover more about them. Read sections like hobbies, interests and favorite QU memory to find commonalities and conversation icebreakers.

Map View: Switch to Map View to see alumni in locations all over the world!

Watch a demo on finding alumni in Bobcat Connect. (2 min)
COMMUNICATE WITH ALUMNI

Reach Out: Click the "Let’s Chat" button to send a message or request a meeting (in-person, via phone or video chat).

Customize Your Message: Use the templates provided for ideas then personalize, personalize, personalize!

Be Courteous: Remember to use professional language and thank alumni for their time.

Check Your Inbox: You’ll receive a platform notification, email and text when your connection responds to your message/meeting request.

Watch a demo on sending a message in Bobcat Connect. (2 min)
MORE HELP CONNECTING WITH ALUMNI

The Connection Success Pathway is a 15-minute interactive crash course inside the platform that guides you step by step through landing, conducting and following-up after informational interviews with alumni.

1. Log in
   Log into Bobcat Connect via bobcatconnect.qu.edu.

2. Scroll
   Scroll to the bottom of your homepage and find the box labeled “Connection Success Pathway.”

3. Click
   Click on “Accept & Start” to begin.

Watch a demo on finding the Connection Success Pathway. (54 sec)
RECAP OF VIDEO LINKS

Fellow students demo how to make best use of the platform!

- Signing up for Bobcat Connect (4 min)
- Finding Alumni on Bobcat Connect (2 min)
- Sending a Message on Bobcat Connect (2 min)
- Finding the Connection Success Pathway on Bobcat Connect (54 sec)

Questions? Email the platform admin at kristina.galligan@qu.edu.